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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/700,383	Applicant(s) STARING ET AL.	
	Examiner Beernnet W. Dada	Art Unit 2135	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in reply to an amendment filed on November 16, 2005. Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blaukovitsch et al. (hereinafter Blaukovitsch) (US Patent No. 6,535,858 B1) in view of Tanoue et al. (hereinafter Tanoue) (US Patent No. 6,128,260).

4. As per claims 1 and 5-7, Blaukovitsch teaches a method for providing copy-protection services on a data storage medium [column 1, lines 7-11], wherein the stored data is arranged in sectors [column 1, lines 17-24], a tagging part being associated with each sector (for example see figure 3, ECC, auxiliary data, Header), wherein the tagging part of said sector comprises a field (S4t), (for example see subcode Q field, figure 5 and column 2, lines 20-39), and the stored data being stored in encrypted form on said data storage medium with an encryption key that is at least in part derived from values of at least some of said field [column 3, lines 45-64 and column 4, lines 1-9, 31-40]. Furthermore, Blaukovitsch teaches subcode q field values are normally not copied from one disk to another, but are newly generated during a copy process

[column 5, lines 3-8]. Blaukovitsch does not explicitly teach storing a value R in the field which is randomly changed with each write access to the sector. Tanoue teaches an information recording medium, where information is recorded in units of sectors, each sector having multiple fields including a field for storing a random value, for randomizing sector locations within the storage medium during a block write [column 2, lines 29-54]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to store random value R in the field, which is randomly changed with each write access as per teachings of Tanoue and employ it within Blaukovitsch copy-protection system in order to prevent interference between successive sectors by randomizing sectors in the storage medium.

5. As per claims 2 and 10, the combination of Blaukovitsch and Tanoue teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Blaukovitsch teaches the method, wherein the data storage medium is a removable memory module [column 1, lines 4-11].

6. As per claims 3 and 11, the combination of Blaukovitsch and Tanoue teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Blaukovitsch teaches the method, wherein the encryption key is derived from the values of said field associated with sectors in which rights and/or usage information is stored (for example where Error Correction Code is stored) [column 2, lines 20-34 and column 4, lines 37-41].

7. As per claim 4, the combination of Blaukovitsch and Tanoue teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Blaukovitsch teaches the method, wherein the encryption key is derived from values of said s4t field associated with sectors in which the content is stored [column 4, lines 1-9, 31-40].

8. As per claims 8 and 9, the combination of Blaukovitsch and Tanoue teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Blaukovitsch teaches the method, wherein each sector is organized as a 512 byte sector and the tagging part associated with each sector is 16 bytes (sector of equal length, see column 1, lines 17-21 and different bit values of subcode column 2, lines 27-67).

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed November 16, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the art on record fails to teach value R_i which is randomly changed with each write access to the sector. Examiner disagrees.

Examiner would point out that Tanoue teaches an information recording medium, where information is recorded in units of sectors, each sector having multiple fields including a field for storing a random value, for randomizing sector locations within the storage medium during a block write [column 2, lines 29-54]. Examiner asserts that the combination of Blaukovitsch and Tanoue teaches the claimed limitations and therefore the rejection is respectfully maintained.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Beemnet W. Dada whose telephone number is (571) 272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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